

## 2011/2012 Winter Season Message

We've completed successful Summer and Fall sports seasons and I want to thank all the dedicated volunteers and sponsors who supported our athletes in Northern Virginia. In addition to the numerous local competitions, we sent athletes to the World Games in Athens, Greece in June, a softball team competed in the NIT event held in Elgin, IL in August and our golf team participated in the NIT in Florida. We added an "Athletes Corner" to our website that will feature speeches by athletes and global messengers, pictures of events and other items of interest to our families and friends.

The Area 26 Council remains focused on meeting its goals for the 2011/2012 season and welcomes your suggestions. We want to continue to focus on fundraising, developing strategic partnerships and recruiting new volunteers and athletes.

I know everyone is looking forward to Basketball and the Winter sports season. The Winter season brings basketball, speed & figure skating, downhill and cross country skiing, gymnastics and two person bowling. Contact the sport coordinator for details of each program. There are also several fundraising events scheduled including:

Nysmith "Make a Point" on January 13<sup>th</sup>  
Fairfax Adult Softball Bowling on January 29th  
Tim's Rivershore Plunge event on February 25th  
Corn Hole Tournament at GMU in April 2012

By supporting the events, you are supporting all of our athletes and volunteer coaches.

Our newly trained global messengers Kevin Ogletree, Rose Pleskow, and Katy Sanchez promote our programs by sharing their perspectives on the world of Special Olympics. If you are looking for a person to speak about Special Olympics at any type of function, please contact Pat Hammeke to schedule a Global Messenger.

The Area 26 Council members for the 2011/2012 year are:

Bob Britton	Medical Coordinator/Travel Requests	<a href="mailto:medicals@novasova.org">medicals@novasova.org</a>
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The operating committees and chairs are:

Fundraising	Eileen Oviatt
Grant Writing	Joe Sanchez
Athlete Recruitment	Tom Ingoldsby
Strategic Partnerships	Pat Hammeke
Volunteers	Kristin Hughes
Communications	Tim Hartle
Athlete/Volunteer Recognition	Terry Mitchell
Thank You Letters	Kevin Ogletree
Dances	Pat Savage

Several committees need volunteers so we can maintain and further develop our support for the athletes. The quality of our programs depends on the support of our sponsors and volunteers. You really can make a difference in the lives of our Special Olympics' athletes by contacting one or more of the following sport coordinators for more information on how you can contribute to the success of each program. Suggestions for who might be interested in filling any vacant positions are welcomed.

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Bowling-youth	Megan Dane	megandane@gmail.com
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Track & Field	Jeff McGiboney	jmcgiboney1@verizon.net

As a result of the efforts made by the Council and the fundraising committee, we continue to raise funds in a very challenging economic environment. We would appreciate your assistance with donations and especially business contacts for future fundraising opportunities. We continue to strive to achieve our goal of having a sponsor and/or fundraising event for every sport program.

It continues to be a privilege to work with this dedicated team of volunteers and serve Special Olympics athletes by making all of our sports programs available. As always I appreciate your suggestions and comments.

Bill Ogletree  
Chairman & Parent